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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office communication of August 23, 2004, please accept the following information.

As noted by the Examiner in her communication, claims 1-80 of the above-entitled Application have been copied from Blue et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,470,885 and Blue et al., U.S. Pat. App. 10/235,472 to provoke an interference between this Application and the mentioned publications. The Examiner has requested the Applicants to specifically apply each limitation or element of each of the copied claims to the disclosure of this Application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. sec. 1.607(a)(5).

For the Examiner's convenience, a chart, attached hereto as Appendix A, has been created, which chart lists the claims of this Application and includes cross-references or citations to the disclosure. Where an element or limitation of a claim was considered to be a part of a previous claim or a combination of previous claims, a reference is made to those previous claims instead of repeating citations already provided, in an effort to make the chart as convenient as possible for the Examiner. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to supplement or amend the guidance provided in Appendix A as may be necessary in the future.

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In view of the enclosed information, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims pending in this Application do form a proper basis for declaring an interference between this Application and Blue et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,470,885 and Blue et al., U.S. Pat. App. 10/235,472, and respectfully request that such a declaration be made.

If the Examiner believes that contacting the Applicants' Representatives via telephone will advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the number given below.

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